

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 212 - HB 1045

April 20, 2021

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires a licensing authority in the Division of Health-Related Boards under the Department of Health (DOH) to restrict or revoke the license of a healthcare prescriber if the prescriber is indicted or convicted, respectively, for a criminal offense that involved a controlled substance violation or sexual abuse. Requires a licensing authority to suspend the license of a nurse or physician assistant that fails to collaborate with a physician for any act that requires collaboration in the nurse's or physician assistant's scope of practice. Requires the chief administrative official of a hospital or facility to report certain information to the respective licensing board or agency.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (005274, 007330): Amendment 005274 deletes and rewrites all language after the enacting clause such that the only substantive change is to specify that the chair of the licensing authority or administrative staff of the licensing authority designated by the chair, is authorized to restrict or revoke the license of a health care prescriber who is indicted of a criminal offense.

Amendment 007330 deletes and replaces language in the bill as amended by 005274 such that the only substantive change is to replace the language "chair shall immediately" with the language "chair shall automatically and immediately".

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The proposed legislation will impact a minimal number of licensees under the Division; therefore, no significant decrease in healthcare professional licensing revenue is estimated.
- The Division can review any additional reports of disciplinary action within existing resources.

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Division had an annual surplus of \$2,524,075 in FY18-19, an annual surplus of \$1,107,948 in FY19-20, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$34,229,587 on June 30, 2020.
- No significant fiscal impact to state or local government.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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